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1. The DD/S Staff Meeting was devoted entirely to a discussion of proposed CIA legislation. Comments from the various divisions were discussed, and it was agreed that the Legislative Counsel and the General Counsel would collaborate on a draft of a bill to be submitted to the Bureau of the Budget, after clearance by the DD/S, DCI, and other interested senior officials. The Career Council is to reexamine the problem of accelerated retirement for overseas personnel.

STAT 2. Messrs. [ ] and Paul met with Messrs. Perry, Wilhelm, Severy and Platt of the Bureau of the Budget to informally explore current Administration thinking on problems relating to our legislative proposals. [ ]

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With regard to accelerated retirement for overseas service, the Bureau will require a full justification before they will agree to any accelerated retirement plan. We were reminded that the Congress passed a most generous retirement bill for all government employees during the last session, and that this bill was considerably more generous than the Administration had wanted to be in this field. The Bureau is apparently still willing to consider special benefits where retirement is involuntary and they conceded that they would find it difficult not to clear a proposal similar to the one agreed in the USIA<sup>del</sup> last year which authorized the Director of that agency to set up his own retirement system based on the Foreign Service system. Last year the Bureau people had told us a special bill was under consideration dealing with this accelerated retirement problem on a government-wide basis. They told us today however that no such legislation is likely to be passed during the coming session.